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PATENT  
Customer No. 22,852  
Attorney Docket No. 04329.2677-01

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of:	)	
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Tatsuhiko EMA et al.	)	
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Application No.: 10/736,580	)	Group Art Unit: 1734
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Filed: December 17, 2003	)	Examiner: Tadesse, Yewebdar T.
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For: FILM-FORMING METHOD, FILM-	)	
FORMING APPARATUS AND	)	Confirmation No.: 4483
LIQUID FILM DRYING	)	
APPARATUS	)	

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

**AMENDMENT**

In reply to the Office Action mailed March 23, 2006, the period for response to which extends through June 23, 2006, please amend the application as follows.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims beginning on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** follow the **Amendment to the Claims** section and begin on page 3 of this paper.